



Tracy Nicolass is crowned Miss Aruba Universe at the Westin Aruba Resort

A sparkling, gala event marked the end of this year's Miss Universe Aruba Pageant in the Palm Beach Ballroom of the Westin Aruba Resort on Friday evening. Simultaneously telecast live on TeleAruba, the program showcased ten beautiful Aruban women, one of whom will represent her country at the Miss Universe Pageant in 2008.

After an entertaining evening that introduced the candidates, the field was narrowed down to five, Carolina Ramos, Jonella Oduber, Nabilach De Palm, Boyoura Martijn, and Tracy Nicolaas. After answering questions to show their poise and grace under pressure, the eight judges handed down their decision and lovely Tracy Nicolass was named the winner, with Boyoura Martijn first runner up.

Boyoura Martijn also won the People's Choice Award through SMS voting conducted by SETAR, N.V., Aruba's national telecommunications company. Additional trophies were awarded to Maureen Valdez, as Miss Popularity, Carolina Ramos as Best Public Speaker, and the new Miss Aruba Universe, Tracy, was also judged Most Photogenic by professional photographers of Aruba.

Miss Aruba Universe 2006, Carolina Raven, who represented the island in Mexico this past May, placed the crown upon Tracy's head. As the new Miss Aruba, Tracy will be involved in numerous events over the next year. The Miss Universe Aruba Pageant is organized and conducted by Star Promotions, with various partners SETAR, N.V., and the Westin Resort. Months of events groom the young women participating into qualified candidates for international beauty pageant competition, and it is trusted that Tracy will beautifully and gracefully represent her island in the coming year and at the Miss Universe Pageant 2008! THE NEWS offers their congratulations and wish for success to Tracy and Boyoura, who will represent Aruba in the next Miss World pageant.